

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Pastor Bob Szoke, Impact Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Minchuk and Mrs. Barron were absent. All other members were present.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:

Mr. Hardaway said Mrs. LaMarca will announce the winners for the 4th of July Parade later in the agenda under Parks and Recreation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated July 10, 2018. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2018. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Mr. Pettit said the Financial Advisor was present to discuss information for road paving for next year. Discussion followed.

Mr. Pettit said if there were dates for the upcoming Budget Process. Mr. Spires said emails of different appropriations and funds have been sent out and they are due next week.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Spires made mention of Grand Truck Railroad Crossing being closed for an additional week and will re-open on Friday July 20th.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mrs. Barron had no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Uzelac made mention of requirements that are needed for residents to ride there mopeds on the roads. Mr. Petruch confirmed that all mopeds need to have a license plate when on the roads.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Ms. LaMarca thanked Jill Aponte for singing the National Anthem and announced the winners for the 4th of July Parade as follows:

Best Walking Youth Group	Aquinas
Best Performing Youth Group	Asia's Dance Factory
Best Decorated Car	Champion Force
Best Decorated Float	Ross Music Theater
Best Commercial Float	State Farm Dan Bane

Ms. LaMarca presented trophies to all the winners and thanked Ms. Olrich and everyone that participated.

Mrs. Uzelac made mentioned of a park on Jennings/Wilson that was sold some time ago and is currently up for sale and has not been maintained. Mr. Hardaway said he will follow up with Code Enforcement. Some discussion followed.

Mr. Pettit said he had a discussion about property being purchased for the Recreation Center on Broadway. Mr. Svetanoff has entered a motion for a Purchase Agreement between the Town of Merrillville and Tech Credit Union to attain some of the property. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the Purchase Agreement and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mr. Barron had no report.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Pettit made mentioned of some of the Ordinances that will be discussed in the agenda later.

UTILITY LIAISON:

Mr. Spann had no report.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES:

President Hardaway had no report.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

Ord. 18-14:

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, appropriating additional monies within the Rental Registration Fund for the 2018 not included in the current budget. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

Ord. 18-11:

An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, authorizing the issuance of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana, economic development tax increment revenue bonds in a maximum aggregate principal amount not to exceed four million dollars (\$4,000,000) and approving and authorizing other actions in respect thereto. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Ord. 18-12:

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana, designating an area within the town as an economic development target area. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Ord. 18-13:

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, fixing the Parks non-reverting program fees for the year 2018. Mr. Spann made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

Res. 18-14:

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2018 budget within the General fund. . Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Res. 18-15:

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, authorizing the extension of current temporary loans to December 31, 2018. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Res. 18-16:

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2018 budget within the Noxious Weed fund. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Res. 18-17:

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2018 budget within the Fire and Hazmat fund. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Res. 18-18:

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana authorizing a temporary loan to fulfill monetary requirements necessary for debt service payments. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

BZA ACTIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Plan Commission meeting, July 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Environmental Resource Committee meeting, July 19, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Police Commission meeting, July 20, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

Town Council workshop, July 24, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Redevelopment Commission meeting, July 24, 2018 at 6:15 p.m.

Town Council meeting, July 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Pettit made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac.

Richard Hardaway, President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer